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SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT**R E M A R K S**

This is in response to an Office action dated November 12, 2008.

This substitute amendment is presented because the amendment filed on 2/27/09 inadvertently included the claims from the previous amendment.

Claims 21-25 and 46-47 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Applicants respectfully traverse.

A telephonic interview was held with the Examiner on 2/12/ 2009. The Examiner explained that she could not clearly understand the claims and could not clearly establish correspondences between the claim language and the drawings (to assist her in understanding the claims). Applicants' representative explained that the rejection – by virtue of the Examiner citing MPEP 2173.05(d) – appeared to focus on a purported use of an example in the claims, and that the claims contained no examples. The Examiner did not quite admit that the citing of MPEP 2173.05(d) was not appropriate.

Because the interview left the issue of MPEP 2173.05(d) unresolved, the following formally responds to the rejection as it is formulated.

In connection with claim 21, the Examiner asserts that the term “a first optical director” renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitation(s)